

REMARKS

A. Status of Claims

Claims 1 and 3-8 are pending in the application. Claim 2 is cancelled herein.

B. Summary Of Office Action

The Examiner has rejected the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,560,581 to Fox et al. ("Fox").

C. Response

The Applicant requests the Examiner's consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted April 26, 2004.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Fox discloses a global system, including a centralized credential server from which all parties receive credentials that are used as the basis of the trust relation. All parties to the Fox system must register to obtain credentials which are then used in connection with a transaction. Such parties are known (by way of their registration) to the server(s) that are used to carry out the transaction. Fox does not teach a method for acquiring access to a resource without prior registration.

In all of the pending claims, as amended, the second user may obtain access to the service from the service web server without the second user having previously registered with the service web server or, indeed, without the second user having any relationship with the service web server. Instead, the second user uses a delegation sequence from the first user through the permission server to gain access to the service. Unlike the Fox system, it is not required that the first user in the pending claims verify the credentials used by the second user before creating the

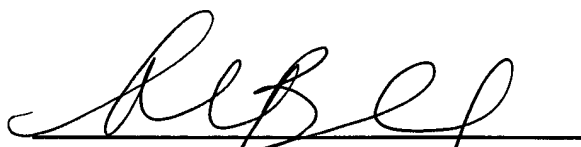
permission on the permission server that will be used by the second user to gain access to the service web server. This enables more decentralized operation of the permission system. This decentralization confers benefits in circumstances not envisioned in the Fox system, which focuses on financial transactions.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the pending rejections and the timely allowance of the pending claims. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 215-963-5091 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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